

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

DONTE BELL,

Plaintiff,

V.

NATIONAL CREDIT SYSTEMS, INC., et al.,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 2:19-cv-01727-RAJ-BAT

ORDER

Having reviewed the Report and Recommendation of the Honorable Brian A. Tsuchida,

United States Magistrate Judge, any objections or responses to that, and the remaining record,

the Court finds and **ORDERS:**

(1) The Court **ADOPTS** the Report and Recommendation.

(2) The affirmative defense of "laches" is stricken pursuant to Defendant Trans

Union's representation (*see* Dkt. 35 at 4, n.2); Plaintiff's motion to strike (Dkt. 30) is **granted in part and denied in part** as follows: the motion to strike the Ninth affirmative defense is **denied**.

Plaintiff's motions to strike the Fourth, Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth affirmative defenses are

granted; however, Defendant Trans Union is **granted leave to amend** to provide further factual

1 allegations as to the applications of these defenses. Any amended answer should be filed within
2 30 days of this Order.

3 (3) The Clerk is directed to send copies of this Order to the parties and to Judge
4 Tsuchida.

5 Dated this 25th day of March, 2020.

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8 The Honorable Richard A. Jones
9 United States District Judge
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